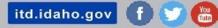
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## Paving to begin next week on SH-75 project in Blaine County

SHOSHONE - Work will resume next week on State Highway 75 north of Hailey. This is the final stage of a highway resurfacing project that has been underway since March of this year that will extend the life of the roadway and improve the driving experience for motorists.

"On **Monday**, we are planning to start paving work at Ohio Gulch Road and move south along the highway to Buttercup Road," ITD Project Manager Brock Dillé explained. "Once that portion of roadway is complete, we will continue operations south but will need to detour traffic to safely complete the work."

When work south of Buttercup Road occurs, daytime traffic traveling northbound on SH-75 will be detoured from McKercher Boulevard to Buttercup Road. The detour is expected to begin on Thursday (May 19) and last for approximately two weeks.

"Ours crews will not work during the Memorial Day weekend to allow for heavier traffic to flow more smoothly through the region," stated Dillé.

Once paving operations are complete, striping will occur. At the intersection of SH-75 and Ohio Gulch Road/Starweather Drive, a new lane configuration will be implemented to better accommodate traffic flow. No other striping changes will occur within the project limits.

Motorists are advised to slow down, watch for workers and follow traffic signs when traveling through the work zone.

Western Construction is the primary contractor on this project that is expected to be complete in early June.

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ITD and the Idaho State Police advise motorists to slow down and pay attention when driving in work zones, where increased speeding fines and other penalties apply. Motorists are encouraged to plan ahead and visit 511.idaho.gov for information on the state highway or interstate system.